

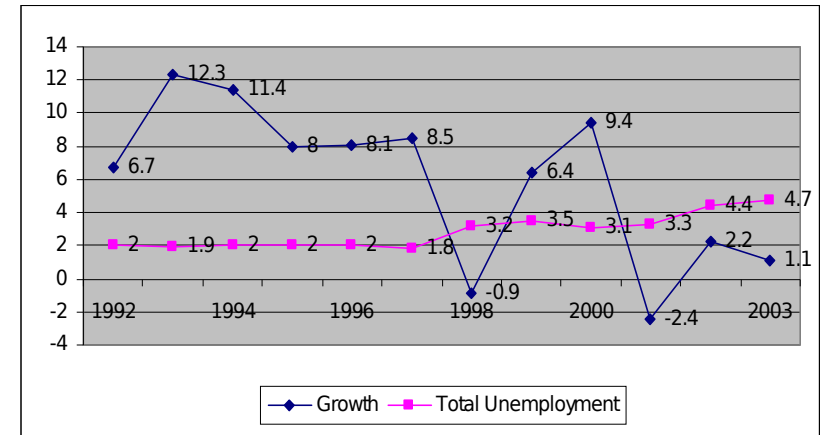
# Conference

Welcome to Singapore - Sept 16,  
2004

- Domestic economic and political situation
- Regional and CT situation
- USG: Civilian-Military Relations
- Embassy goals

# Singapore's Economy

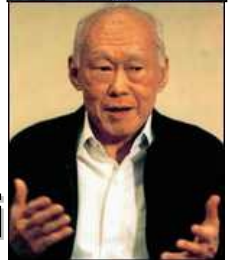
## ■ Successful, but facing structural challenges



- Trade: \$278 B annually (\$32 B with US in 2003, with US enjoying a \$1.4 B surplus)
- Population: 4.1 million; GDP: \$23,000 per capita
- Economy on cyclical upswing thanks to US, China.
- 1.1% growth in 2003; 8-9% expected for 2004
- Resident unemployment: 4.5% -- high but

# Singapore Politics

- **Stable, but anxiety over effect of war on terror/Middle East issues on racial harmony**
- New PM Lee Hsien Loong took office Aug 12, ending 14 years under Goh Chok Tong
- PAP in power since 1959, holds 82 of 84 Parliamentary seats
- Why? Good government, economic success, no corruption, strong incumbency advantages – SARS highlighted competence
- Ethnic harmony longstanding concern (population is 77% Chinese, 14% Malay, 7% Indian)



# The Difficult Neighborhood

- **Concern about the growth of Islamic radicalism -- 9/11 was a watershed event**

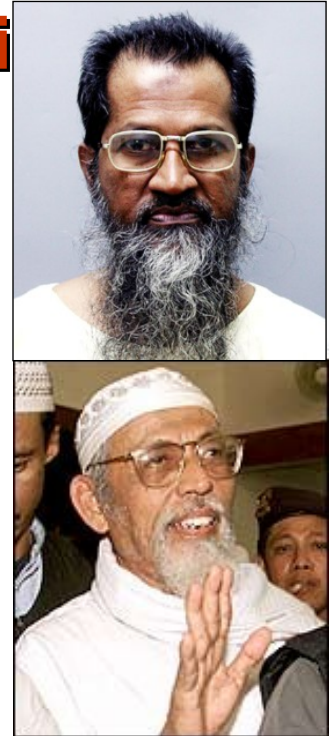
Singapore's views:

- Indonesia: Concern about long-term economic growth & terrorism/extremist minority. Faint hopes presidential election next week will end "muddling through."
- Malaysia: Stable now, but UMNO faces long-term challenge by Islamic party. New PM Abdullah Badawi capable, more friendly.
- China: Economic challenge and opportunity, but not a strategic threat (for now).



# Terrorism in Singapore

- **Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) “severely disrupted” in Singapore; concerns about Indonesi**
- JI network uncovered after September 11
- Planned seven truck bombs in Singapore – Principal target: this Mission
- 37 JI detainees now held under Internal Security Act (ISA)
- Additional arrests in Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand
- Threat remains





# USG Presence in Singapore

- **Regional base for USG:  
about 40 countries covered  
from Embassy Singapore**
- Medium-sized Embassy: 136  
Americans, 113 Singaporeans
- Wide range of agencies: State, Homeland Security,  
Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, FAA
- Large law enforcement representation: FBI, DEA, DHS  
(ICE, TSA & Coast Guard)
- Military : 160+ uniformed personnel supporting naval  
and air operations in the Western Pacific



# U.S. DoD Presence in Singapore

<b>DOD Commands Located at PSA Sembawang Wharves</b>								
	Uniform	GS	Total					
Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific	62	4	66					
Naval Regional Contracting Command	21	22	43					
Customer Service Detachment	2	1	3					
497th Combat Training Squadron	42	1	43					
Naval Oceanography Command	0	2	2					
Military Sealift Command Detachment	5	11	16					
Naval Criminal Investigative Service	0	18	18					
MISD (U.S. Coast Guard)	3	0	3					
Total	135	59	194					
<b>DOD Commands Located at Paya Lebar</b>								
Defense Contract Management Agency	6	4	10					
<b>DOD Commands Located at U.S. Embassy, Singapore</b>								
U.S. Defense Attache Office	14	1	15					
Office of Defense Cooperation	7	1	8					
Marine Security Guard Detachment	5	0	5					
Total	26	2	28					
<b><u>Total US Military in Singapore</u></b>	<b><u>167</u></b>	<b><u>65</u></b>	<b><u>232</u></b>	<b><u>Including Dependents: 605</u></b>				
(Plus 63 FSN positions)			<u>63</u>					
Total US Military Employed Positions in Singapore			295					



**United States Embassy**  
*Singapore*

## **Our Goals**

- Cooperate in war against terrorism
- Encourage closer law enforcement cooperation; tighter trade controls
- Promote U.S. business and trade
- Citizen services: safety, well-being, documentation (15,000 Americans)
- Nurture military links